

**PATENT**  
Attorney Docket No. 31304-763.831

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application	)	
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Inventors: Dirk Seegert, et al.	)	
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Application No.: Unassigned	)	
	)	Examiner: Not Yet Assigned
Filed: December 20, 2005	)	
	)	Customer No. 021971
Title: PEGYLATED SOLUBLE GP130-	)	
DIMERS USEFUL AS A MEDICAMENT	)	
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Prior to an examination on the merits of the above-identified application please amend the application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 6 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 8 of this paper.